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For the Period May 10 to 16, 2011

Twenty-three per cent of the 2011 crop has been seeded, according to Saskatchewan Agriculture's Weekly Crop Report. The five year (2006-2010) average for this time of year is approximately 44 per cent seeded.

Significant seeding progress was made in western regions during the past week. Producers in the eastern regions are just starting to get into their fields.

The southeast is reporting eight per cent seeded, the southwest 36 per cent, the east-central 11 per cent, the west-central 30 per cent, the northeast 14 per cent and the northwest 41 per cent.

Across the province, 46 per cent of the field peas, 35 per cent of the lentils, 28 per cent of the durum, 22 per cent of the spring wheat and 20 per cent of the canola has been seeded.

Many crop reporters are indicating that fields are very wet, especially in the eastern regions of the province.

Cropland topsoil moisture across the province is rated as 36 per cent surplus, 62 per cent adequate and two per cent dry. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as 30 per cent surplus, 65 per cent adequate and five per cent short.

Farmers are busy seeding, calving, hauling cattle to pasture and controlling weeds.

Southeastern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 1, 2, and 3ASE)

The region reported more rain earlier this week, with some areas receiving up to 50 mm. Although some producers were able to start seeding this past week due a break in the rain, the majority of the producers in the region continue to be delayed. Those who are able to get onto the land are getting stuck. Access to fields is a major issue as roads are washed out, flooded or very soft. Crop reporters have indicated a few farmers are trying alternative seeding methods such as broadcast and harrow. Eight per cent of the 2011 crop has been seeded. Producers in crop districts (CD) 2B and 3ASE are the most advanced in the region, with 16 and 13 per cent seeded, respectively. Producers in CDs 1A, 1B and 2A have just started seeding. Seventeen per cent of the lentils, 11 per cent

One year ago

Twenty-eight per cent of the 2010 crop had been seeded. Due to warm and sunny weather, most producers were back to seeding after a couple of weeks of rain and snow.

Seeding Progress in SK Per cent seeded

All Crops

May 16/11	23
5 year avg. (2006-2010)	44
May 17/10	28
May 18/09	47
May 18/08	56
May 20/07	64
May 14/06	25

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of the canola, eight per cent of the durum and seven per cent of the peas have been seeded.

Field work and seeding has yet to start in some areas. Farm yards, corrals and livestock wintering grounds are still completely or partially flooded, causing difficulties in feeding cattle and maneuvering equipment. Rural municipalities are busy repairing roads that were cut or washed out. The region received a significant amount of snow during the winter, and some areas received as a significant amount of wet snow and rain this spring as well, which has prevented most field work to date. Pastures are flooded in many areas. Some fields in crop districts 2B and 3ASE can be seeded as they were missed by the heavier rains that fell further east.

Southeastern Saskatchewan	
Crop District	% seeded (May 16, 2011)
1A	4
1B	3
2A	3
2B	16
3ASE	13
Region average	8
five-year average (2006-2010)	47

The Tantallon and Whitewood areas received 50 mm of rain, the Frobisher, Broadview and Radville areas received 42, the Weyburn area 49 mm and the Indian Head area 25 mm. Some reporters have recorded up to 165 mm of precipitation since April 1.

Topsoil moisture conditions on cropland and hay land are rated as 66 per cent surplus and 34 per cent adequate.

Farmers are busy calving, cleaning seed, preparing machinery, fixing fences and seeding.

Southwestern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 3ASW, 3AN, 3B and 4)

Producers in the southwest made significant seeding progress this past week and have 36 per cent of the 2011 crop seeded. Fifty-six per cent of the field peas, 53 per cent of the lentils, 42 per cent of the canola, 36 per cent of the durum and 26 per cent of the spring wheat have been seeded. Early seeded crops are starting to emerge. Crop reporters have indicated there are some producers who have yet to start seeding due to very wet field conditions. High winds gusting up to 90 km per hour in some areas halted weed control operations for a couple days. Reporters have indicated there are a few areas in which seeding is 40 to 50 per cent complete. Most producers were able to get into the fields to do some pre-seeding work. Moisture conditions vary from field to field. Some areas have good seeding conditions, while other areas are still too wet, and others could use a little rain shower.

Southwestern Saskatchewan	
Crop District	% Seeded (May 16, 2011)
3ASW	18
3AN	35
3BS	31
3BN	59
4A	16
4B	36
region average	36
five-year average (2006- 2010)	62

Crop District 3ASW received rain, while the rest of the region received only trace amounts. The Big Beaver area reported 44 mm, the Bengough area 28 mm, the Assiniboia area 20 mm, the Spring Valley and Cadillac areas 4 mm. Access to fields is difficult in some areas due to impassable roads.

Cropland topsoil moisture is rated as 22 per cent surplus and 78 per cent adequate. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as 16 per cent surplus, 81 per cent adequate and three per cent dry.

Farmers are busy seeding, controlling weeds, calving and hauling cattle to pasture.

East-Central Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 5 and 6a)

Producers in parts of the east-central region that did not receive rain made some seeding progress. Eleven per cent of the 2011 crop is seeded. Most of crop districts 5B and 6A missed the rain. Seeding progress varies among crop districts. CD 6A is furthest advanced, with 21 per cent seeded. Fields are wet in this region, but for the most part are able to support machinery. Thirty-four per cent of the field peas, 20 per cent of the lentils, 12 per cent of the canola and durum and seven per cent of the spring wheat have been seeded.

East-central Saskatchewan	
Crop District	% Seeded (May 16, 2011)
5A	8
5B	3
6A	21
region average	11
five-year average (2006- 2010)	30

Crop District 5A received up to 43 mm of rain. The Stockholm area recorded 43 mm, the Langenburg and Kamsack areas 32 mm, the Jedburgh area 8 mm and the Dysart area 4 mm.

Some producers are looking at alternative seeding methods such as broadcast and harrow. Crop reporters are indicating severe flooding in areas, with damaged roads and culverts, and flooded farm yards. Some crop reporters have indicated they can get out onto the fields to pick rocks, control weeds and run a harrow through to try to dry out the land. Some producers have yet to start seeding. Strong winds helped to dry out the fields somewhat. Field access is an issue in some areas on the eastern side of the region due to washed out or flooded roads. In some areas, large sections of land are not expected to be seeded this year.

Cropland topsoil moisture is rated as 43 per cent surplus and 57 per cent adequate. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as 32 per cent surplus, 64 per cent adequate and four per cent short. Many pastures and fields are flooded or inaccessible due to washed out roads. The RMs are busy fixing roads.

Farmers are busy seeding, controlling weeds, calving and hauling cattle to pasture.

West-Central Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 6B and 7)

Producers in the region made significant seeding progress this week, and now have 30 per cent of the crop in the ground. Sixty per cent of the field peas, 31 per cent of the lentils and spring wheat, 33 per cent of the canola, 25 per cent of the durum and 14 per cent of the barley have been seeded. The majority of the area received very little rain for the week. The RMs are busy fixing and maintaining roads, many of which are washed out or soft. Producers are keeping tow ropes and four-wheel-drive tractors close by to pull out seeding equipment. Some areas are still too wet to support equipment. The warm and windy weather over the past few days has helped dry out the land, although the high wind has halted weed control operations. Early seeded crops are starting to emerge.

West-central Saskatchewan	
Crop District	% Seeded (May 16, 2011)
6B	21
7A	26
7B	45
Region average	30
five-year average (2006- 2010)	47

Topsoil moisture conditions are rated as 31 per cent surplus, 64 per cent adequate and five per cent short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture conditions are rated as 17 per cent surplus, 75 per cent adequate and eight per cent short.

Farmers are busy seeding, controlling weeds, calving and hauling cattle to pasture.

Northeastern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 8 and 9AE)

Fourteen per cent of the crop has been seeded in the northeast, thanks to the warm and windy conditions. Twenty-five per cent of the field peas, 20 per cent of the spring wheat, 10 per cent of the canola and seven per cent of the oats have been seeded. The majority of producers were able to start seeding this week and most are able to get into the fields to do pre-seeding field work or seed. Fields are still very soft and many producers are getting stuck. Crop reporters are indicating some producers have 40 per cent of their crops seeded. Field access is still a concern as roads are flooded or very soft in some areas. Some pastures are flooded or inaccessible.

Northeastern Saskatchewan	
Crop District	% Seeded (May 16, 2011)
8A	10
8B	17
9AE	14
Region average	14
five-year average (2006- 2010)	29

Topsoil moisture on cropland is rated as 34 per cent surplus and 66 per cent adequate. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as 29 per cent surplus and 71 per cent adequate.

Farmers are seeding, controlling weeds, calving and taking cattle to pasture.

Northwestern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 9AW and 9B)

With no rain to slow seeding operations, producers in the region made significant progress over last week, and 41 per cent of the 2011 crop is now seeded. Seventy-five per cent of the field peas, 51 per cent of the spring wheat, 38 per cent of the canola, 16 per cent of the barley and eight per cent of the oats have been seeded. Some producers are expecting to finish seeding by the weekend. Seeding does not come without its challenges, however, as areas in fields are still quite wet and producers are getting stuck often. Strong winds have delayed weed control operations, but at the same time have helped to dry out the fields. Field access is challenging as roads are soft and impassable in some areas.

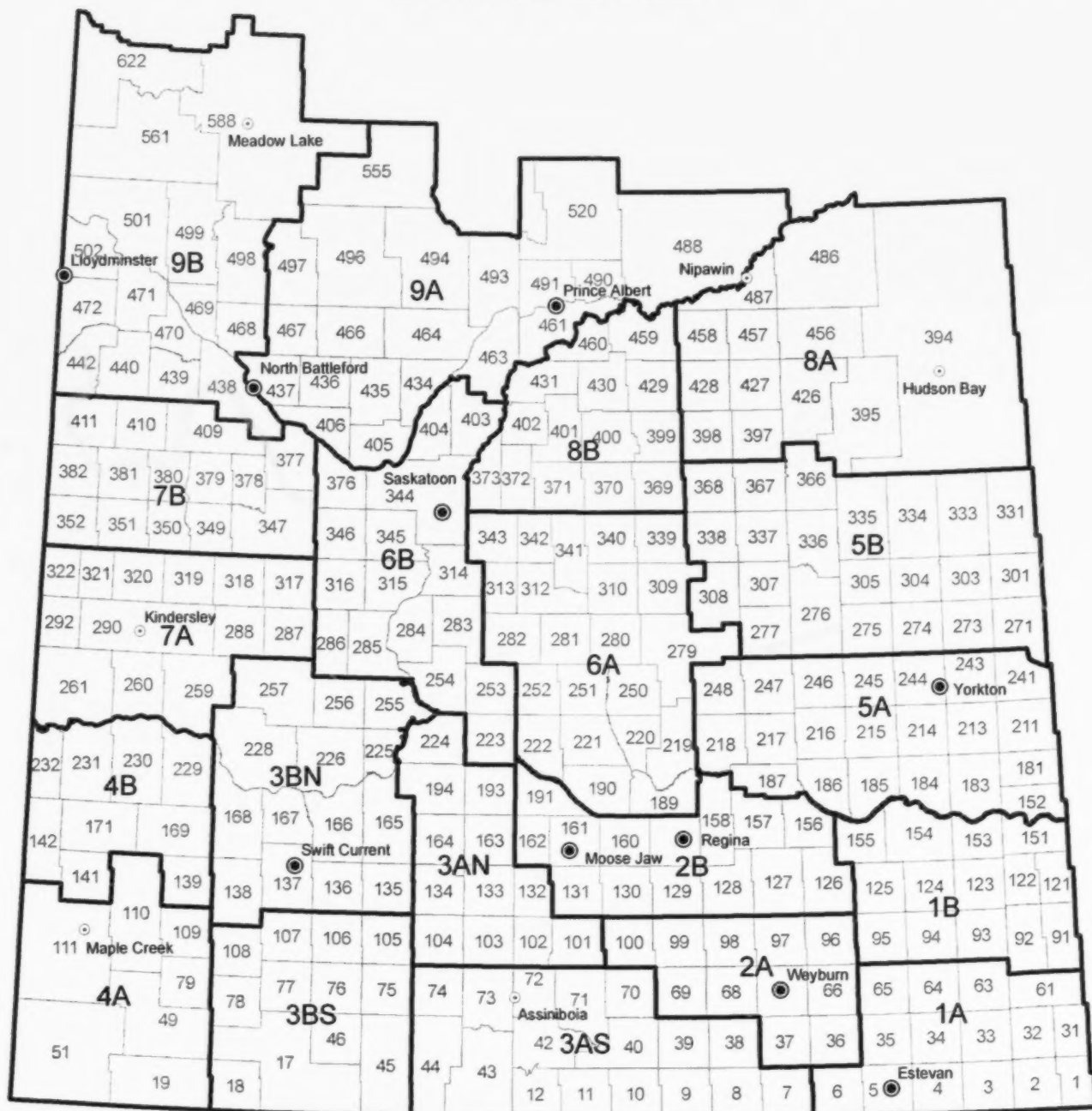
Northwestern Saskatchewan	
Crop District	% Seeded (May 16, 2011)
9AW	37
9B	45
Region average	41
five-year average (2006- 2010)	39

Cropland top soil moisture is reported as six per cent surplus, 85 per cent adequate and nine per cent short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as two per cent surplus, 81 per cent adequate and 17 per cent short.

Pastures have been slow to green up, and many livestock producers are still feeding in the yard.

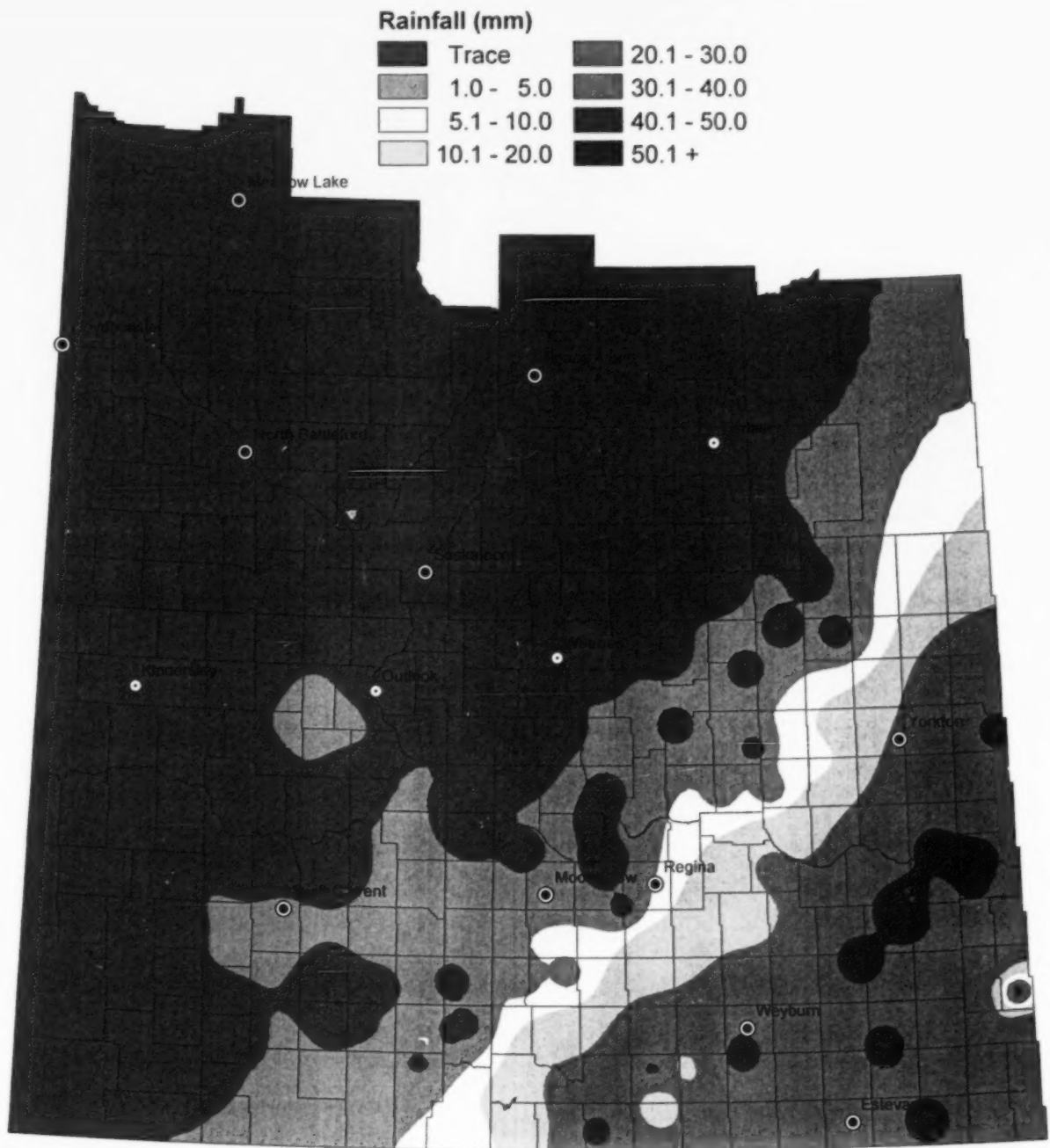
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Crop Districts and Rural Municipalities in Saskatchewan



Weekly Rainfall

for the week ending May 16, 2011



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Weekly Rainfall Summary

(in millimeters)

1 inch = 25 mm

for the period May 10 to 16, 2011

Crop Dist.	R.M. No.	Name	Past Week	Since 1-Apr	Crop Dist.	R.M. No.	Name	Past Week	Since 1-Apr	Crop Dist.	R.M. No.	Name	Past Week	Since 1-Apr
1A	1	Argyle	N/A	N/A	4A	49	White Valley	N/A	49	7B	347 A	Bigger	NIL	14
	2	Mount Pleasant	N/A	58		49 A	White Valley	NIL	49		347 B	Bigger	N/A	3
	3	Enniskillen	42	100		51	Reno	0.5	42		350 A	Margosa	NIL	8
	33	Moose Creek	23.5	96		79	Arlington	N/A	34		350 B	Margosa	NIL	26
	34	Browning	39	128		109	Carmichael	NIL	77		351	Progress	N/A	15
	61	Antler	31	71		110	Pisapot	NIL	22		352	Heart's Hill	NIL	15
	63	Moose Mountain	23	99		111	Maple Creek	N/A	N/A		377	Glenside	NIL	12
	64	Brock	43	110	4B	139	Gull Lake	NIL	34		378 A	Rosemeunt	NIL	21
	65	Tecumseh	N/A	59		141	Big Stick	NIL	40		378 B	Rosemeunt	NIL	16
1B	91	Maryfield	NIL	85		142	Enterprise	NIL	43		379	Reford	NIL	20
	92	Walpole	30	142		169	Pittville	N/A	17		380	Tramping Lake	NIL	10
	95	Golden West	45	136		171	Fox Valley	NIL	8		381	Grass Lake	N/A	N/A
	122	Marin	35	165		229	Miry Creek	N/A	N/A		409 A	Buffalo	NIL	11
	123	Silverwood	33	121		231	Happyland	NIL	13		409 B	Buffalo	NIL	24
	124 A	Kingsley	42	128	5A	183	Fertile Belt	43	150		410	Round Valley	NIL	NIL
	124 B	Kingsley	N/A	N/A		186	Abemethy	16	36		411	Senias	N/A	15
	125	Chester	N/A	60		211	Churchbridge	32	91	8A	395	Porcupine	N/A	17
	151 A	Rocanville	50	163		213	Salcoats	30	79		397	Barrier Valley	NIL	29
	151 B	Rocanville	35	111		216	Tullymet	3	15		428	Star City	NIL	18
	153	Willowdale	50	134		217	Lipton	4	12		456	Arboretum	NIL	26
	154	Elcappo	43	106		241	Calder	43	87		457	Connaught	NIL	26
	155	Wolseley	33	96		243	Wallace	N/A	45		458	Whitew Creek	NIL	24
2A	66	Griffin	N/A	106		245 A	Garry	12	30		486	Moose Range	NIL	25
	67	Weyburn	49	106		245 B	Garry	8	28		487	Nipawis	NIL	25
	68	Brokenshell	33	123		246	Huna Bon Accord	N/A	2	BB	369	St. Peter	NIL	7
	69	Norton	28	76		247	Kellogg	NIL	27		370	Humboldt	NIL	7
	97	Wellington	22	75		248	Touchwood	NIL	15		371 A	Bayne	NIL	14
2B	127 A	Francis	20	65	5B	271	Cole	32	54		371 B	Bayne	N/A	N/A
	127 B	Francis	11	27		276	Farm Lake	N/A	42		372	Grant	N/A	23
	129	Bratt's Lake	16	46		277	Emerald	NIL	31		402	Fish Creek	NIL	22
	156	Indian Head	25	49		305	Invermay	NIL	25		429	Felt's Springs	NIL	27
	160 A	Pense	N/A	18		307	Elfron	N/A	54		430	Invergoldton	N/A	N/A
	160 B	Pense	NIL	29		308	Big Quill	NIL	2		431	St. Louis	N/A	N/A
	161	Moose Jaw	NIL	14		333 A	Clayton	N/A	NIL	SAE	459	Kinsale	NIL	32
	191	Marquis	NIL	8		333 B	Clayton	N/A	14		460	Birch Hills	NIL	18
3ASE	7	Souris Valley	N/A	N/A		334	Preeseville	N/A	12		461	Prince Albert	NIL	29
	38 A	Laurier	28	92		335	Hazel Dell	NIL	24		488 A	Torch River	NIL	3
	38 B	Laurier	13	75		336	Sasmen	NIL	25		488 B	Torch River	N/A	NIL
	39 A	The Gap	15	74		337	Lakeview	NIL	24	SAW	491	Buckland	NIL	41
	39 B	The Gap	42	107		338	Lakeside	NIL	7		496	Mayfield	NIL	4
3ASW	10	Happy Valley	44	87		366	Kelvington	NIL	24		435	Redberry	N/A	2
	11	Hart Butte	N/A	N/A	5A	189	Lumsden	NIL	31		436	Douglas	NIL	6
	12	Poplar Valley	15	25		190 A	Dufferin	NIL	18		463	Duck Lake	NIL	22
	40	Bengough	28	104		190 B	Dufferin	1	12		464	Leask	N/A	17
	42	Willow Bunch	11	44		190 C	Dufferin	NIL	16		467 A	Round Hill	NIL	16
	43	Old Post	5	35		190 D	Dufferin	N/A	N/A		467 B	Round Hill	NIL	23
	44	Waverley	NIL	25		219	Longlakeston	NIL	10		494	Canwood	N/A	46
	70	Key West	N/A	N/A		220	Mokilop	NIL	10		496	Spiritwood	NIL	46
	71	Excel	20	34		221	Sarnia	N/A	8		497	Medstead	N/A	23
	73 A	Stonhenge	NIL	NIL		222	Crak	NIL	19	SB	438	Battle River	NIL	13
	73 B	Stonhenge	NIL	45		251	Big Arm	NIL	8		440	Hillsdale	N/A	7
	74	Wood River	5.5	41		252	Arm River	NIL	13		442	Manitou Lake	NIL	14
3AN	101	Tenell	4	46		279	Mount Hope	N/A	8		468 A	Meola	NIL	12
	102	Lake Johnston	3.8	38		280	Vireford	NIL	2		468 B	Meola	N/A	8
	103	Sutton	NIL	37		282	McCrane	NIL	13		468 C	Meola	NIL	20
	133	Rodgers	N/A	N/A		309	Prairie Rose	NIL	9		496 A	Parkdale	NIL	13
	134	Shamrock	N/A	N/A		313	Lost River	N/A	13		496 B	Parkdale	N/A	4
	164	Chaplin	N/A	18		339	LeRoy	NIL	11		499	Marvin	NIL	21
	193 A	Eyebrow	NIL	25		340	Wolverine	NIL	3		501 A	Frenchman Butte	NIL	32
	193 B	Eyebrow	NIL	22		341	Viscount	N/A	N/A		501 B	Frenchman Butte	NIL	15
	194	Enfield	N/A	13		343	Blucher	NIL	14		501 C	Frenchman Butte	N/A	27
3BS	17	Val Marie	4	62	6B	283	Rosedale	NIL	6		561	Leon Lake	NIL	12
	18	Lone Tree	NIL	36		284	Rudy	NIL	8		588 A	Meadow Lake	NIL	13
	45	Mankota	N/A	38		285	Fertile Valley	NIL	21		588 B	Meadow Lake	NIL	18
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	75 B	Pinto Creek	2	12		314	Dundum	NIL	14		588 D	Meadow Lake	N/A	NIL
	76 A	Auvergne	NIL	30		344	Corman Park	NIL	10		622	Beaver River	NIL	22
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	77	Wise Creek	NIL	69		376 A	Eagle Creek	NIL	14					
	78 A	Grassy Creek	NIL	70		376 B	Eagle Creek	NIL	13					
	78 B	Grassy Creek	NIL	65		403	Rostham	NIL	19					
	78 C	Grassy Creek	NIL	50	7A	260 A	Newcombe	NIL	20					
	105	Glenbain	NIL	38		260 B	Newcombe	N/A	16					
	106	Whiska Creek	NIL	58		261	Chesterfield	N/A	8					
	107	Lac Pelletier	N/A	42		287	St. Andrews	NIL	13					
	108	Bone Creek	NIL	99		288	Pleasant Valley	N/A	4					
3BN	138	Webb	5	57		290 A	Kindersley	NIL	16					
	166	Excelsior	NIL	24		290 B	Kindersley	N/A	18					
	167	Sask. Landing	NIL	32		292	Milton	N/A	4					
	168	Riverside	NIL	45		317 A	Marmott	N/A	15					
	226	Victory	NIL	26		317 B	Marmott	NIL	15					
	228	Lacadena	NIL	9		318 A	Mountain View	N/A	N/A					
	255	Coleau	N/A	N/A		318 B	Mountain View	NIL	10					
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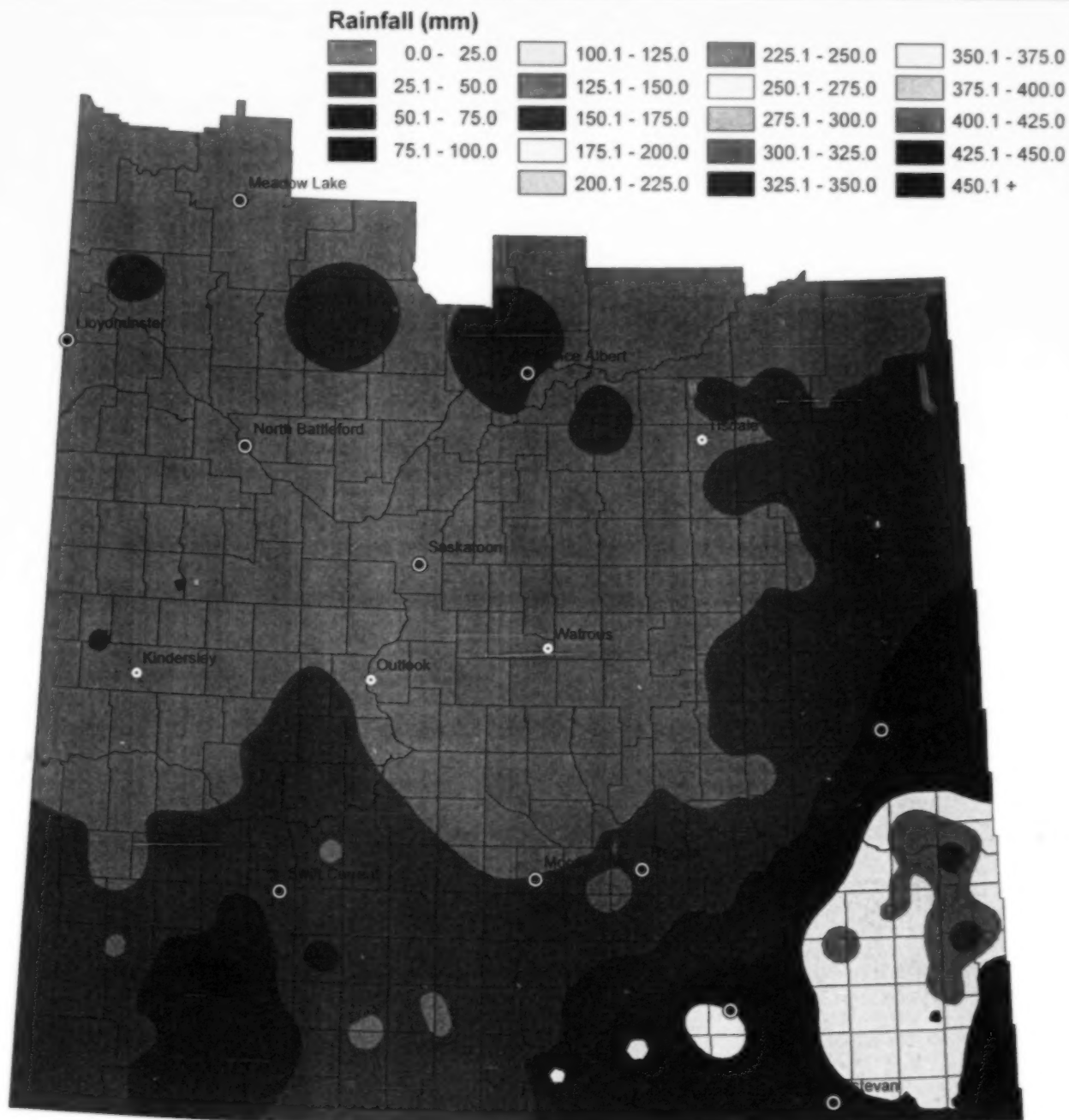
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Cumulative Rainfall

From: April 1, 2011

To: May 16, 2011



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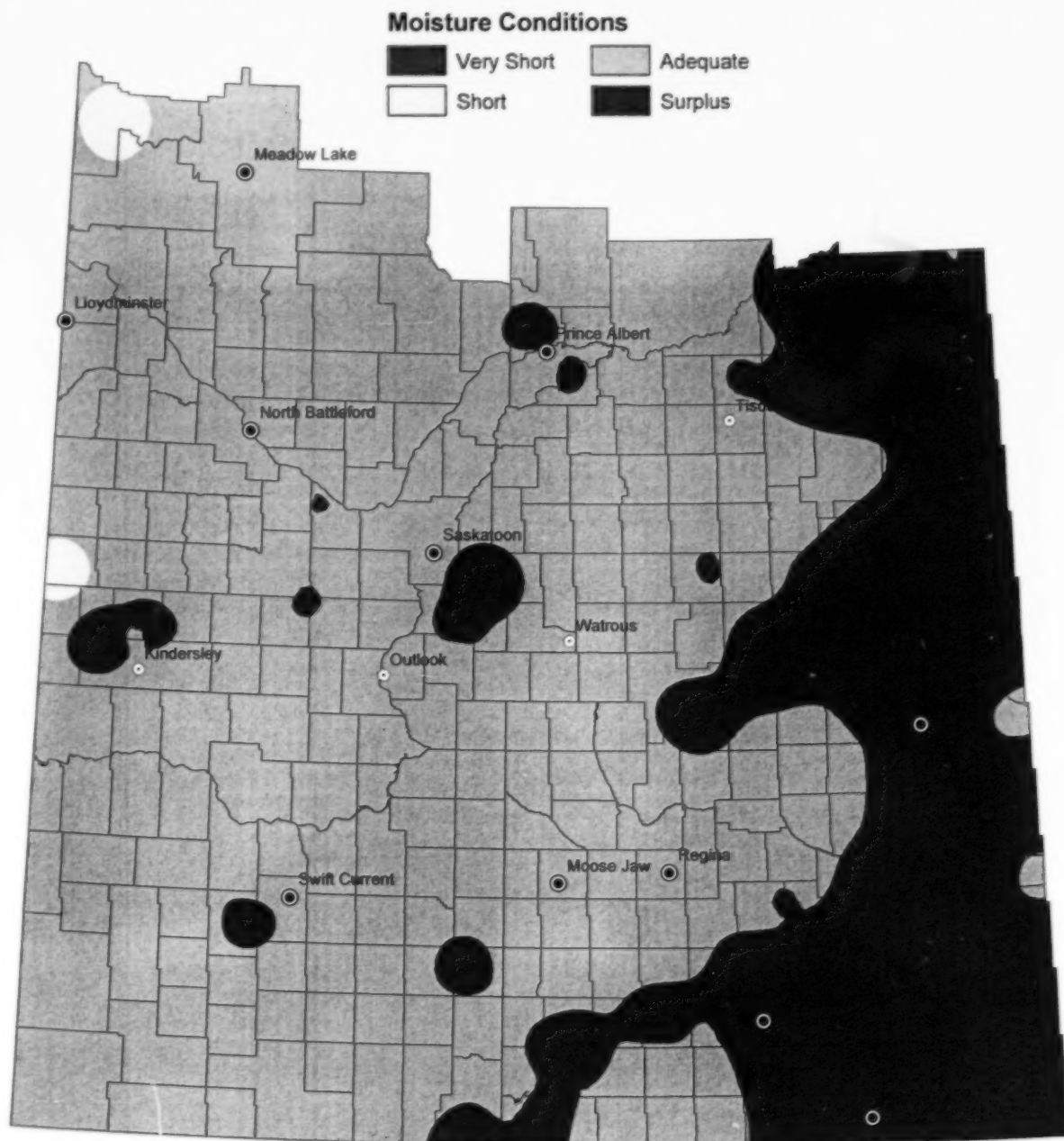
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Cropland Topsoil Moisture Conditions

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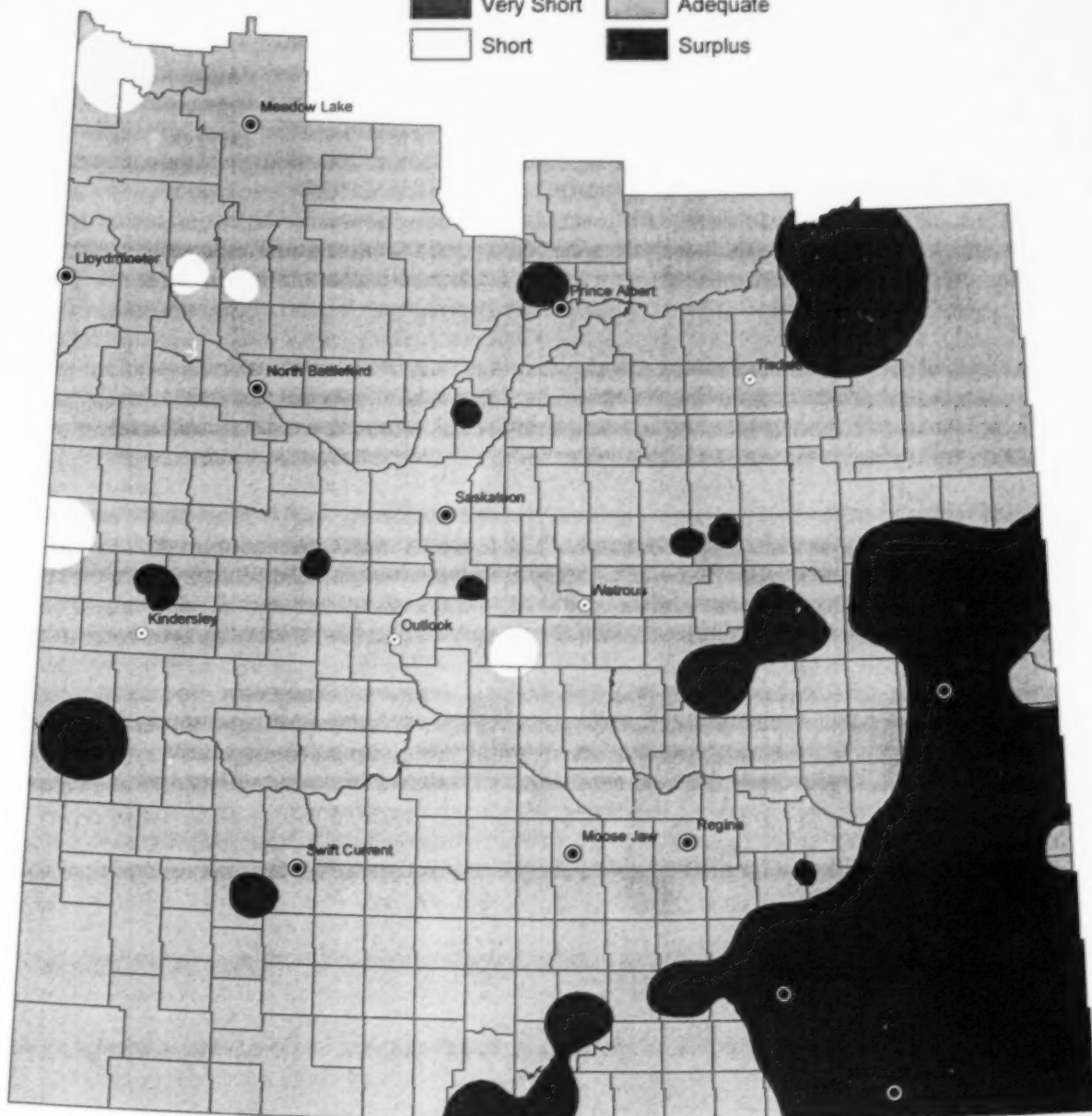
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Hay and Pasture Topsoil Moisture Conditions

May 17, 2011

Moisture Conditions



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